

Test 1

Why did the Founding Fathers separate the power to make, enforce, and interpret laws between different branches of government?

- A. to prevent one branch of government from becoming too powerful
- B. to make the national government more efficient
- C. to increase the power of the presidency
- D. to ensure that Congress would act according to the will of the people

What pamphlet denounced British rule and fanned the flames of revolution?

- A. Magna Carta
- B. *Two Treatises of Government*
- C. Mayflower Compact
- D. *Common Sense*

Use the quotation to answer the question.

“THE HORRID MASSACRE IN BOSTON, Perpetrated in the evening of the fifth day of March, 1770, by soldiers of the Twenty-ninth Regiment, which with the Fourteenth Regiment were then quartered there; with some observations on the state of things prior to that catastrophe.”

—anonymous account, *A Short Narrative of the Horrid Massacre in Boston, 1770*

Who **most likely** wrote this passage and for what reason?

- A. a Redcoat, to describe the risks faced by soldiers
- B. a Patriot, to raise fears about the British army in the colonies
- C. a Loyalist, to gain support for quartering British troops
- D. an eyewitness, to promote nonviolent protest

Use the table to answer the question.

Title: _____ ? _____

Branch	Power
Legislative	Makes laws
Executive	Carries out laws
Judicial	Interprets laws

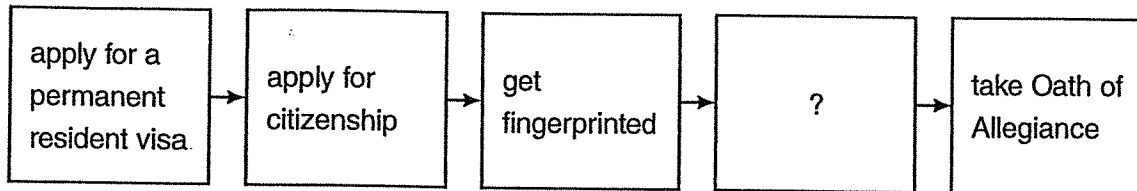
Which of the following best completes the title of this table?

- A. The Federal System
- B. Separation of Powers
- C. Checks and Balances
- D. Popular Sovereignty

What is meant by “the rule of law”?

- A. the idea that people are the source of government power
- B. the idea that all people, including rulers and leaders, must obey the law
- C. the theory that power should be divided among three branches of government
- D. the power of the courts to interpret the Constitution and other laws

Use the diagram to answer the question.



The diagram above identifies the steps in becoming a U.S. citizen. Which of the following best completes the diagram?

- A. be interviewed and pass citizenship tests
- B. complete a background check
- C. receive appointment letter
- D. wait five years

What does a person born in any U.S. territory automatically become?

- A. a native-born citizen
- B. a naturalized citizen
- C. a permanent resident alien
- D. a refugee

Which of the following best describes the purpose of the Bill of Rights?

- A. to explain the procedure for amending the Constitution
- B. to guarantee freedoms that belong to every citizen
- C. to inspire the governments of other nations
- D. to limit the rights of individual citizens

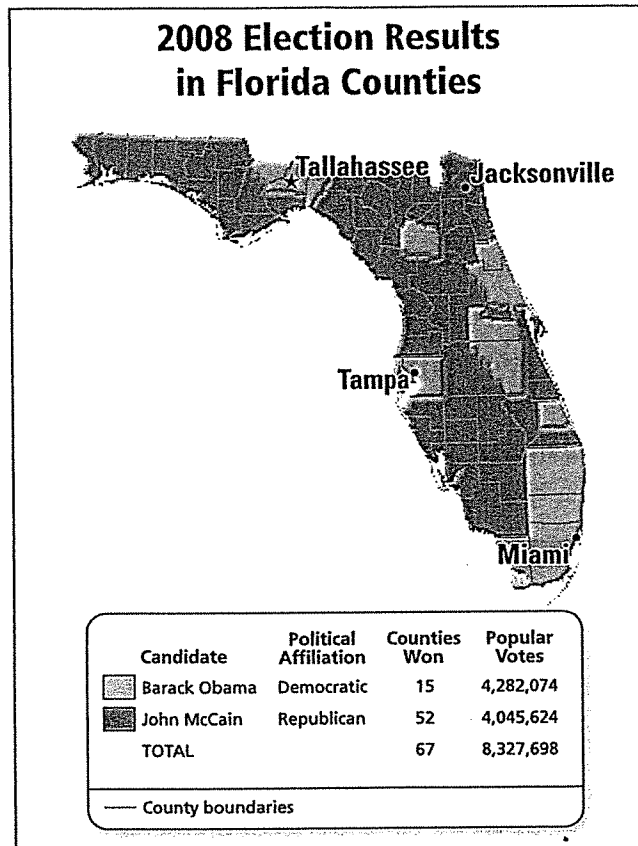
How does the Fifth Amendment protect an individual's right to own property?

- A. by guaranteeing every citizen the right to apply for a home loan
- B. by preventing a police search of private property without a warrant
- C. by preventing the government from taking private property without fair payment
- D. by prohibiting the quartering of soldiers without permission

Which is the correct description of a party platform?

- A. It is a place where political candidates make speeches.
- B. It is a statement that outlines views on issues.
- C. It is determined by means of a primary election.
- D. It is held after the nominating convention

Use the map to answer the question.



Which of the Florida cities indicated on the map is located in a county won by the Republican candidate?

- A. Jacksonville
- B. Miami
- C. Tallahassee
- D. Tampa

Which is a main purpose of public opinion polls?

- A. analyzing citizen support for a law
- B. getting a law passed
- C. interpreting a newly passed law
- D. opposing a law

What term refers to redrawing congressional district boundaries to favor a particular political party?

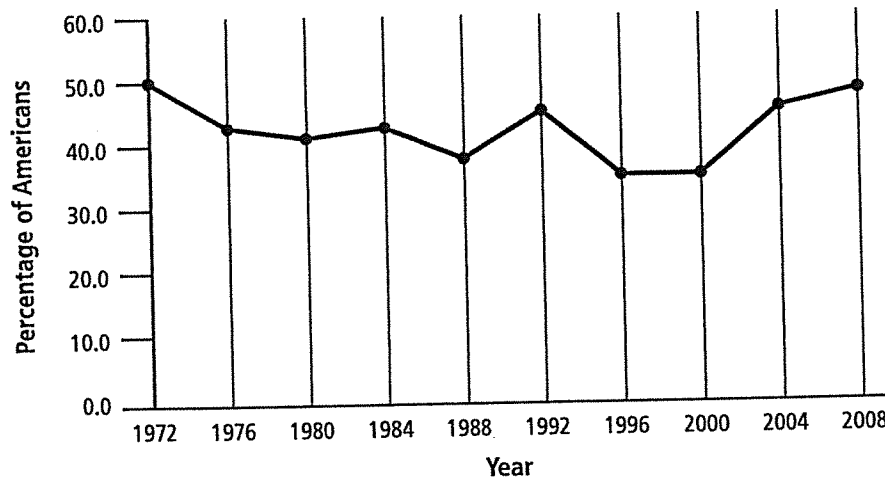
- A. gerrymandering
- B. censure
- C. impeachment
- D. apportionment

Of the following, what may happen following a guilty verdict in a criminal case?

- A. A U.S. Court of Appeals asks to review the case.
- B. The criminal case becomes a civil case.
- C. The defendant appeals the case to a higher court.
- D. The U.S. Supreme Court automatically reviews the case.

Use the line graph to answer the question.

Percentage of Americans Aged 18-24 Who Voted in Presidential Elections



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Which of the following best describes the trend of voting among Americans aged 18 to 24 between the 1988 and 2008 presidential elections?

- A. a gradual decline, followed by a sharp increase, and then a sharp decline
- B. a gradual increase, followed by a gradual decline, and then a sharp decline
- C. a sharp decline, followed by a gradual increase, and then a gradual decline
- D. a sharp increase, followed by a sharp decline, and then a gradual increase

Use the quotation to answer the question.

“It is emphatically [definitely] the province [role] and duty of the Judicial Department to say what the law is. . . . If two laws conflict with each other, the Courts must decide on the operation of each.”

—Chief Justice John Marshall, *Marbury v. Madison*, 1803

According to the Supreme Court, which branch of government has the power and responsibility to interpret the law?

- A. executive
- B. judicial
- C. legislative
- D. state legislature

Which of the following issues would most likely be a foreign policy matter?

- A. balancing the federal budget
- B. negotiating a treaty with Mexico
- C. raising the retirement age for Social Security
- D. revising neighborhood zoning restrictions